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SEND YOUR REQUEST TO OFFICER WAYNE TWOMBLY  
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### Events of Interest :

- National Night Out: August 2

## Neighborhood Watch Training Date for 2011!

The Fair Oaks District Police Station has one training date (in 2011) for the Neighborhood Watch Program. As usual, they will be held at the station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7 p.m. in the roll call room. These training opportunities are designed for communities that want to expand their existing participation, those who wish to begin a new Watch program or those who would like a refresher course.

We look forward to serving you and maintaining the quality of community and police partnerships that we have all come to depend on and enjoy.

The training dates are as follows:

➤ Tuesday, October 11, 2011

**Mark Your Calendars**



**NOW!**



## **N a t i o n a l** N i g h t **O u t !** **It's Not Too Late!**

Come and join forces with the Fair Oaks District Police Station in standing up to the criminal element with a **STRONG** message:

**We have partnered with our police to  
KEEP OUR STREETS FREE OF CRIME!**

**We will see you. We will report you. Our police officers will challenge you. And if you are up to mischievous behavior and breaking the law, you will answer to the criminal justice system.**

**It's not too late to show your support on Tuesday, August 2! Either start an event or join a scheduled one in your community! If your neighborhood isn't participating and you would like to show support, contact PFC Wayne Twombly at [Richard.Twombly@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Richard.Twombly@fairfaxcounty.gov). Our officers will come equipped with smiles and giveaways. Meet the folks who protect you while you are shopping, at work or sleeping during the night. Some ideas for neighborhood participations are: ice cream social, pizza party, cookout or just call Officer Twombly and let him know your homeowners will show their support by leaving their porch lights on. We will come by for a meet and greet!**

# FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Remove AND Lock, Before The Shock!



The Fair Oaks District has seen a slight increase in thefts from vehicles. We are requesting your help in battling these crimes before they soar. Along with the usual electronics, criminals could steal the following items from **YOUR** vehicle: airbags, tire rims and even license plates! Motorcycles are also being targeted! What to do?

## **AWARENESS AWARENESS AWARENESS!**

Report **ALL** suspicious activity, people and noises! Take the time to observe and document license plate numbers, descriptions of unfamiliar vehicles and suspects. Record dates and times. Call the Fairfax County Police non-emergency number to report your observations.

Here are a few ways you can minimize your chances of victimization:

- Lock vehicle doors at **ALL** times
- Park vehicles in well-lit areas
- Do not leave valuables, including keys in your cars
- Remove desirable items from view
- Remove curiosity-provoking items such as empty bags or charging cords
- Do not leave your vehicle running unattended
- Keep your garage door closed and remove garage door opener from car
- Remove all personal information from the vehicle to avoid identity theft
- **RENDER YOUR VEHICLE BORING!**



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*To request this information in an alternate format, call the Fair Oaks Crime Prevention Office at 703-352-2163.*



## HELP US PROTECT YOU THROUGH FREE SERVICES



### CRIME SOLVERS

(CALLERS MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS)

Fairfax County Crime Solvers 4100 Chain Bridge Road Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477), e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

**HELP US KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE!**

### Free SERVICES TO FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS

Contact your Crime Prevention Officer to have a  
FREE Security Survey  
performed on your home, community or business.

We will survey the locks, alarms, lighting, landscaping and hardware to your property and provide you with the invaluable information to decrease your chances of being victimized by criminals.

To make an appointment, contact Fair Oaks District Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Twombly at 703-352-2163.

### "MY NEIGHBORHOOD"

(BE AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY)

This user friendly, online service lets you track calls for service within a quarter, a half, or a one mile radius from any address in Fairfax County

Know what is going on BEYOND the four corners of your community. Prevention begins with awareness! This program gives you a "snapshot" view of police activities reported in your neighborhood or an area of interest.

Go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/> for incident information.

## KNOW THE RULES.....

### SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

#### for parents and guardians

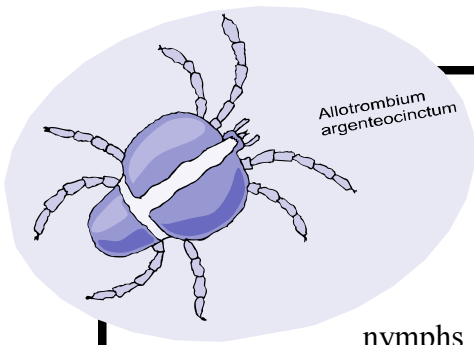
1. Be sure to go over the rules with your children about whose homes they may visit when you're not there and discuss the boundaries of where they may and may not go in the neighborhood.
2. Ensure children know their full names, address, and telephone numbers and how to use the telephone. Be sure they know what to do in case of an emergency and how to reach you using cellular or pager numbers. Children should have a neighbor or trusted adult to call if they're scared or there's an emergency.
3. Caution children to keep all doors locked and not to open the door or talk to anyone who comes to the door when they are home alone. If you have arranged for a family friend or relative to stop by, make sure your children feel comfortable being alone with that person. Make certain they understand not to tell anyone who calls they are home alone.
4. Don't drop your children off at malls, movies, video arcades, or parks. These are not safe places for children to be alone. Make certain a responsible adult supervises your younger children at all times when they are outside and away from home.
5. Teach your children in whose vehicle they may ride. Children should be cautioned to never approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult.
6. Ensure your children know to stay away from pools, canals, or other bodies of water without adult supervision.
7. Since daylight lasts longer during the summer months, be sure your children know their curfew and to check in with you if they are going to be late. If you allow your children to play outside after dark, make sure they wear reflective clothing and stay close to home.
8. Choose babysitters with care. Obtain references from family, friends, and neighbors. Many states now have registries for public access to check criminal history or sex-offender status. Observe the babysitter's interaction with your children, and ask your children how they feel about the babysitter.
9. Check out camp and other summer programs before enrolling your children. See if a background screening check is completed on the individuals working with the children. Make sure there will be adult supervision of your children at all times, and make sure you are made aware of all activities and field trips offered by the camp or program.
10. Investigate daycare settings thoroughly before placing your children. Ensure the center or family daycare home is licensed; complete full background screening for all employees, volunteers, and others affiliated with the facility; allows parents and guardians to freely come and go as they wish. Observe the personnel and activities several times before making your decision and visit unannounced after placement.
11. Be sure all custody documents are in order and certified copies are available in case your children are not returned from a scheduled summer visit.
12. Always listen to your children and keep the lines of communication open. Your children are your best source for determining if everything is okay. Teach your children to get out of dangerous or uncomfortable situations right away and practice basic safety skills with them. Make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.

**1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678)    [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)**

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**Have a safe and fun summer!**

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# LYME DISEASE INFORMATION

Lyme disease was first recognized in the United States in 1975, after an unusual outbreak of arthritis near Lyme, Connecticut.

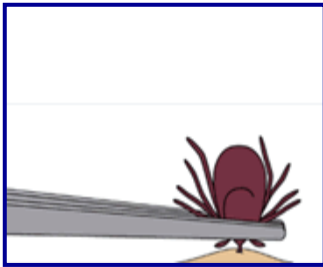
Most humans are infected through the bites of immature ticks called nymphs. Nymphs are tiny (less than 2 mm) and difficult to see; they feed during the spring and summer months.

Ticks can attach to any part of the human body but are often found in hard-to-see areas such as the groin, armpits, and scalp. In most cases, the tick must be attached for 36 to 48 hours or more before the Lyme disease bacterium can be transmitted.

## Prevention

If you plan on being in a high grass or wooded area the following precautions can reduce your chance of contracting Lyme Disease:

- Tuck pant legs into socks and boots. Wear long-sleeved shirts.
- Apply tick repellent to areas of the body and clothing that may come in contact with grass and brush. Select repellents specifically for ticks, ones containing 30% DEET. Follow directions carefully and do not overuse. Some tick repellents can cause toxic or allergic reactions.
- If you have pets, consider tick control methods recommended by a veterinarian.
- Conduct a tick check on yourself once back inside and shower if possible.



## Tic Removal

- ⇒ Grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure
- ⇒ Do not squeeze, puncture or crush the tick as its body fluids may contain infectious organisms
- ⇒ Clean the bite site with antiseptic and wash your hands with soap and water



## Monitor Bite Site

### **Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease**

- A characteristic skin rash, called Erythema Migrans will appear in 70 to 80% of bites infected with Lyme disease. It usually appears 3 to 30 days post-bite.
- Fatigue, chills and fever
- Headache
- Muscle and joint pain
- Swollen lymph nodes

Patients are encouraged to ask their physicians whether their Lyme disease testing process was performed using validated methods and whether results were interpreted using appropriate guidelines (recommended by the Center for Disease Control).



# ***YOUR AWARENESS CAN SAVE A PET!***

## **DANGER**

### **Pets DIE In HOT Cars!**



**If you see a pet in a parked car, report it **Immediately!**  
It could **SAVE** the pet's **LIFE!****

Leaving your pet unattended in a parked car on a warm day can lead to the pet's death. When the temperature outside reaches 70 degrees, the temperature inside of your car can climb to 120 degrees within minutes – even with the windows “cracked”.

A pet does not perspire the way a human does. A dog's tongue is his cooling system – which is why he pants. With only HOT air to breathe your dog will suffer permanent brain damage within minutes. If your pet is left in your car even longer he will die an agonizing death.

In Fairfax County it is illegal to leave an animal in a vehicle during warm weather. The law allows any law-enforcement officer to seize any animal that has been cruelly treated or is suffering from a condition that constitutes a direct and immediate threat to its life, safety or health.

A person convicted of animal cruelty could face up to 5 years in prison and/or be fined up to \$2500.

**If you witness a pet left unattended in a parked car on a warm day, this is what you should do:**

1. Record pertinent information about the vehicle (make, model, color and license plate number) along with its exact location.
2. Call the Fairfax County Police Department non-emergency number 703-691-2131.
3. If possible, stay at the location until law enforcement arrives so that you can help them locate the car quickly.



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Public Information Office at 703.246.2253. TTY 703-204-2264.



## Dodge a Ticket...Did You Know?



### **DON'T LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN A HOT VEHICLE!**

#### **§ 18.2-371.1 Abuse and neglect of children; penalty; abandoned infant.**

A. Any parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the care of a child under the age of 18 who by willful act or omission or refusal to provide any necessary care for the child's health causes or permits serious injury to the life or health of such child shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony. For purposes of this subsection, "serious injury" shall include but not be limited to (i) disfigurement, (ii) a fracture, (iii) a severe burn or laceration, (iv) mutilation, (v) maiming, (vi) forced ingestion of dangerous substances, or (vii) life-threatening internal injuries.

B. 1. Any parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the care of a child under the age of 18 whose willful act or omission in the care of such child was so gross, wanton and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony.

2. If a prosecution under this subsection is based solely on the accused parent having left the child at a hospital or rescue squad, it shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution of a parent under this subsection that such parent safely delivered the child to a hospital that provides 24-hour emergency services or to an attended rescue squad that employs emergency medical technicians, within the first 14 days of the child's life. In order for the affirmative defense to apply, the child shall be delivered in a manner reasonably calculated to ensure the child's safety.

C. Any parent, guardian or other person having care, custody, or control of a minor child who in good faith is under treatment solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination shall not, for that reason alone, be considered in violation of this section.

### **DON'T LEAVE YOUR ANIMALS UNATTENDED IN A HOT VEHICLE!**

#### **§ 3.2-6570 Cruelty to Animals**

Any person who: (i) overrides, overdrives, overloads, tortures, ill-treats, abandons, willfully inflicts inhumane injury or pain not connected with bona fide scientific or medical experimentation, or cruelly or unnecessarily beats, maims, mutilates, or kills any animal, whether belonging to himself or another; (ii) deprives any animal of necessary food, drink, shelter or emergency veterinary treatment; (iii) sores any equine for any purpose or administers drugs or medications to alter or mask such sores for the purpose of sale, show, or exhibition of any kind, unless such administration of drugs or medications is within the context of a veterinary client-patient relationship and solely for therapeutic purposes; (iv) willfully sets on foot, instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of cruelty to any animal; (v) carries or causes to be carried by any vehicle, vessel or otherwise any animal in a cruel, brutal, or inhumane manner, so as to produce torture or unnecessary suffering; or (vi) causes any of the above things, or being the owner of such animal permits such acts to be done by another is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. **See Virginia Code Section for Sections B through F.**





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**Fairfax County Crime Solvers:**

**1-866-411-TIPS or 703-691-8888**

**Fairfax County Police:**

**Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131**

**Citizen Reporting System:**

*(for reports not requiring officer response)*  
*Call the non-emergency number at*  
*703-691-2131 or report online at*  
*[www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) to public safety*  
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## THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

It is our privilege to introduce to you our newest member of the Fair Oaks District team. Welcome First Lieutenant Daniel Townsend. Lt. Townsend has been serving Fairfax County since 1981 where he began his career at the Mason District Station until 1988. He was then transferred to the Personnel Applicant Section where he was a background investigator until he was promoted to sergeant and assigned to the Fairfax County Park Police. In October of 1993 he became better known as Second Lieutenant Townsend of the Traffic Division of the Operations Support Bureau until 1994. He spent the next six years supervising a patrol squad in the McLean District. In June of 2000 he earned the title of First Lieutenant Townsend and served the Mount Vernon District until 2002 where his talents did not go unnoticed and he was reassigned as the Aide to the Deputy Chief of Patrol. After one year, he became the Aide to the Deputy Chief of Operations and Investigations. In 2004, Lt. Townsend became the Assistant Commander of the Traffic Division and in 2007 he was assigned to the Youth Services Division until 2009. His final assignment, prior to coming to the Fair Oaks District, was as the Police Liaison Commander of the Department of Public Safety Communications.



Lt. Townsend, his wife Eileen and their three children, Danny, Bret and Allie live in the Fair Oaks District. This tenacious cancer survivor is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, and although he grew up in Montgomery County, he considers himself a Virginian. This avid Terrapin enjoys freshwater fishing, golf, exercise and relaxing on his deck.

When asked what his vision was for Fair Oaks, Lt. Townsend said he wanted to apply all he learned from the Traffic Division to our district because traffic is the predominant challenge here. He will address traffic management, more education and stronger enforcement in the areas of speeding and dangerous driving. He will spearhead driving while intoxicated campaigns which focus on awareness, prevention and detection and enforcement. He will focus on intersections with high crash rates. He hopes that traffic safety will reduce vehicle crashes, personal injuries and fatalities.

Lt. Townsend's career wish is to retire from the agency while serving the Fair Oaks District. As his final assignment, he wants to "cultivate and tend to the very backyard in which I raised my family and that I reside in." Lt. Townsend's door is always open and he encourages any questions or concerns. Or, stop in just to say hello and to welcome him!